

## **MFEI Advisory Workgroup Guiding Principles**

**The goal of the Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument (MFEI) Project** is to develop a universal tool and process for Kansas that will be used to comprehensively assess Medicaid long term services and supports (LTSS) functional eligibility and support needs for Kansans with physical disabilities, traumatic brain injury, or who are frail elders, across community and residential settings.

### **Guiding Principles of the Assessment Process**

1. Individual diversity is respected and valued.
2. The assessment tool should be culturally sensitive, reflecting sensitivity to consumers' cultures and to differences among people and cultural groups.
3. The assessment starts with the individual and his or her strengths, needs, and preferences. It should guide the consumer, his or her caregiver, and provider(s) towards a common understanding of consumer abilities and capabilities, functional needs, preferences, and social and environmental needs.
4. The assessment process values and promotes consumer choice and self-direction.
5. The assessment process will treat individuals equitably with respect to access to public support, regardless of age, disability, diagnosis, and where the individual resides within the State.
6. Medicaid LTSS consumers and their support persons will be involved in the assessment development process to best ensure the new MFEI is an effective tool that is responsive to diverse consumer needs.
7. The assessment process recognizes the need for standard, universal measures and reporting requirements to ensure equitability in service provision, comparability of data, and to meet state and federal requirements. However, standardization can be accommodated in the context of a person-centered assessment.
8. The assessment will promote effective information sharing and coordinated delivery of LTSS, while also adhering to any and all applicable state and federal laws such as HIPAA regarding standards of privacy and confidentiality.

*Questions or Comments?*

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